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1. There is currently a widespread shortage of foodstuffs and fodder through-  
out Yugoslavia. The three staple commodities needed for winter months,  
beans, potatoes, and cabbage are lacking in Serbia. A supply of potatoes  
arrived from Slovenia late in October 1950 and distribution is now being  
made by ration card. Potatoes for planting have been promised by Denmark.
2. The richest fruit orchards in Serbia have been destroyed by insects. There  
are no apples, for example, in the entire Valjevo district. The vineyards  
also have been destroyed by the drought in the Zupa, Negotinska Krajina, and  
Nis areas. For this reason, the price of grapes rose to 100 dinars per  
kilogram.
3. The regions most seriously affected by the drought were those with the richest  
wheat fields, i.e., Vojvodina, Srem, Backa, Pomoravlje, and Stig. A stark  
famine has gripped those areas.
4. The general food crisis forced the regime to close down the special commissaries  
which had been set up for officials, militiamen, teachers, artists, and other  
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